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Fuel Treatment and Resource Planning Workshop Introduction

April 7, 2022



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Welcome

- Thanks to our organizing team and presenters!
- Alaska Fire Science Consortium
- Workshop Purpose: to raise the base level of understanding of the complexities of fuel treatment planning from all resource perspective in order to increase collaboration and efficiency
- What prompted this?
- A first step...





Agenda

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- BLM's mission is *to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations.*
- “Principal or major uses” of public lands:
 - domestic livestock grazing
 - fish and wildlife development and utilization
 - mineral exploration and production
 - rights-of-way
 - outdoor recreation
 - timber production (FLPMA)



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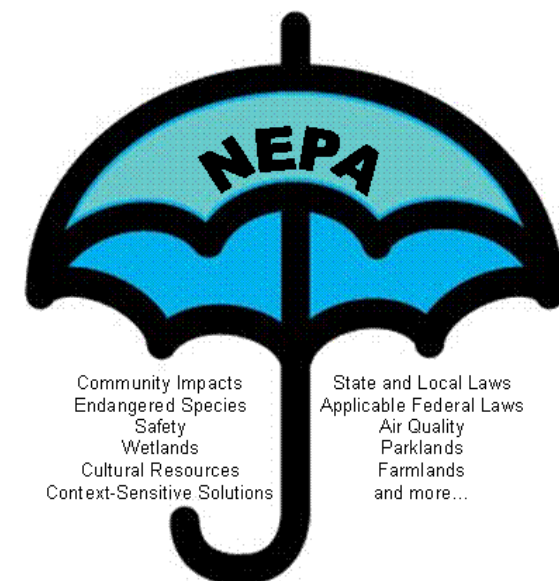
Department of the Interior Priorities:

1. Identifying steps to accelerate responsible development of renewable energy on public lands and waters.
2. Strengthening the government-to-government relationship with sovereign Tribal Nations.
3. Making investments to support the Administration's goal of creating millions of family-supporting and union jobs.
4. Working to conserve at least 30% each of our lands and waters by the year 2030.
5. Centering equity and environmental justice.



National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

- Assure the federal government considers impacts to the environment prior to undertaking federal actions
- Federal Action (NEPA nexuses): land management, permitting, or federal funding
- The NEPA process is intended to coordinate the review of multiple environmental authorities for many resources
- A planning and decision-making tool
- Assess and disclose potential effects
- Public involvement
- Questions?: ask a federal agency NEPA coordinator





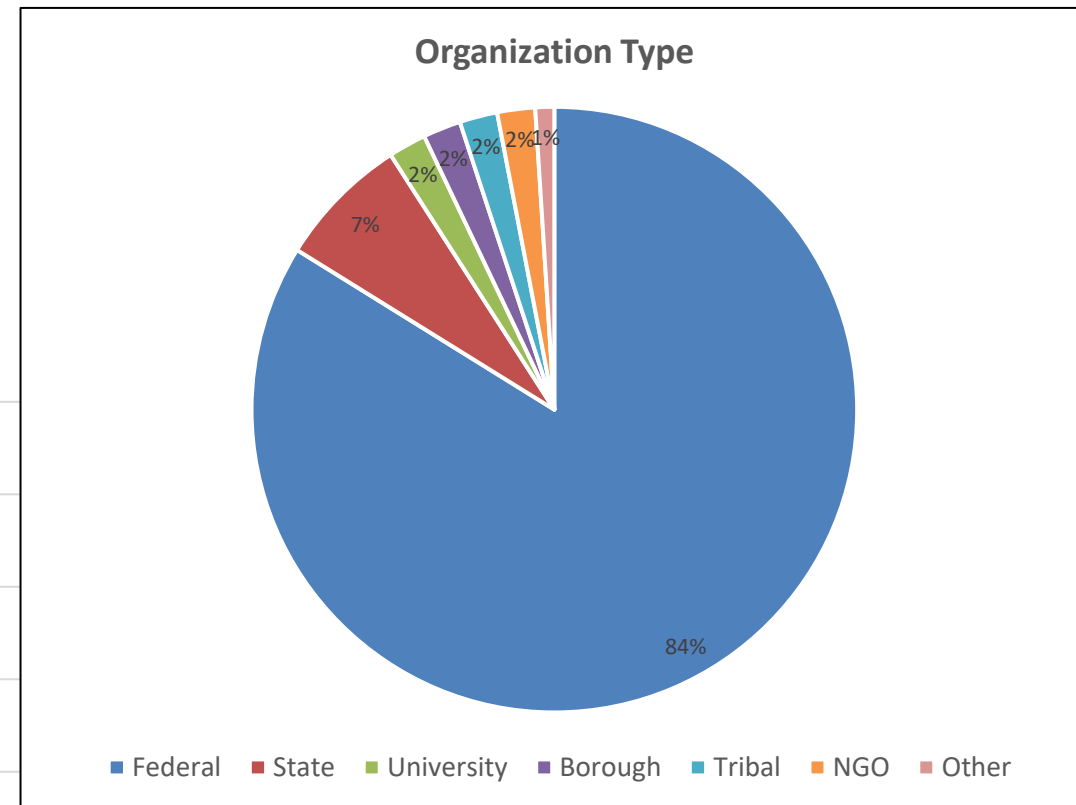
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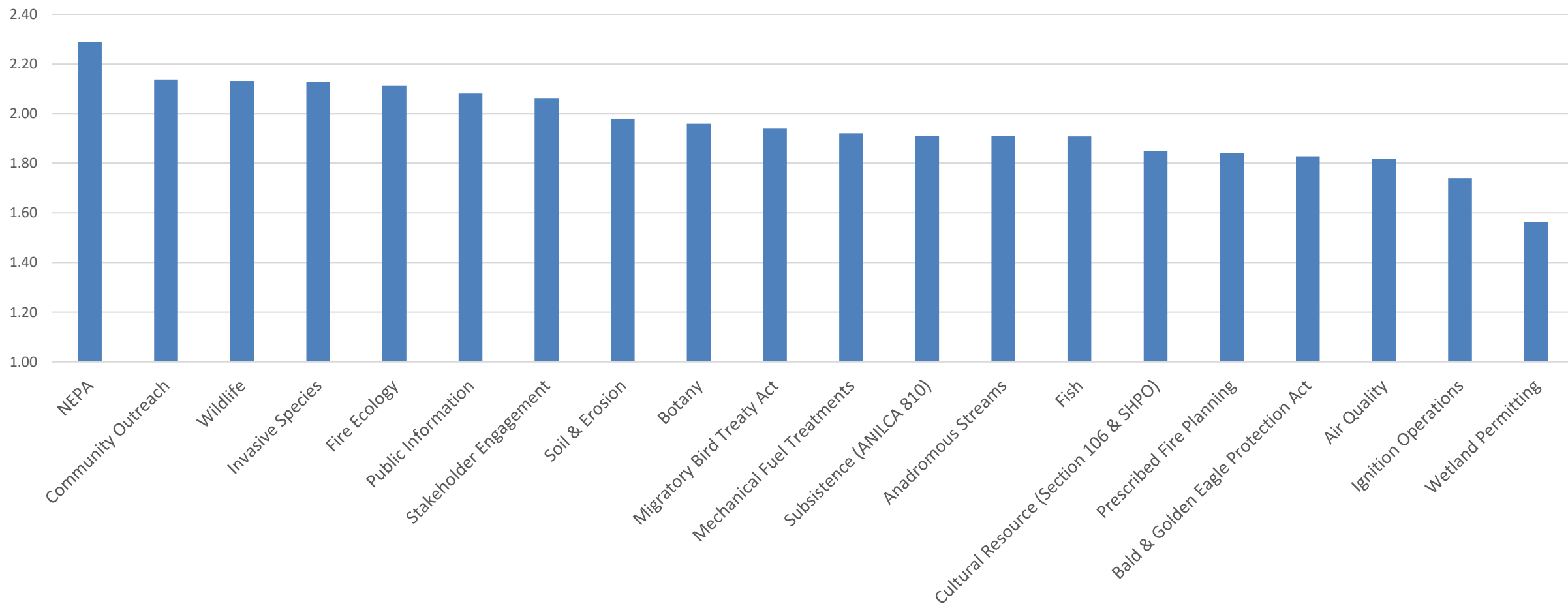
Who Is Here: Organization





Who Is Here: Experience

Attendee Expertise by Topic





Who is Here: Current Projects

What fuel treatment projects are you currently working on?

Chugach NF spruce bark beetle response

After 20 years of establishing fuel breaks, we now are faced with the challenges of maintenance.

a few

CWPP for the Copper River Basin.

ABC hills burn.

Sterling fuel break

Multi agency/ownership fuel breaks

planning and overseeing hand crew fuel reductions and shaded fuel breaks at Borough facilities

Fuel Breaks

Sterling Fuel Break and Sterling Fuel Break Extension Projects

Treating KPBs 20,000 acres of beetle impacted forests to mitigate fuel.

Prescribed burn in boreal forest

Creating new and updating existing park fire management plans

compliance support

Spruce Beetle Mitigation on the Kenai Peninsula

5 years worth of NFPORS planning...

NEPA for State proposed prescribed burn in Alphabet Hills, fuels reduction through timber sales and opening up subsistence harvest areas

Chugach NF spruce bark beetle response

Fire fuel break in the Russian Mission community start date: tentative summer 2022

Sterling Fuel Break

Many

Alphabet Hills

Those listed in NFPORS for both Glennallen and Anchorage

shaded fuel breaks/beetle kill mitigation

Eagle Fuel Project and Tanacross Fuel Project.

Nulato and surrounding communities

several projects for villages along the upper Yukon river and along the Canadian border

Kenai strategic fuelbreak

Fire fuel break in the Russian Mission community

Modeling for fuel treatment planning, Monitoring post-treatment effects, masticated fuel treatment

Alphabet Hills

beetle kill

hazardous fuel removal



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Thanks!

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